

HR 27

HALT Fentanyl Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]

Party: Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (61 total)

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Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Evans, Gabe [R-CO-8]	R · CO		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Langworthy, Nicholas A. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Nunn, Zachary [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Jan 3, 2025
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Fry, Russell [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Houchin, Erin [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jan 7, 2025
Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jan 9, 2025
Rep. Fischbach, Michelle [R-MN-7]	R · MN		Jan 9, 2025
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2025
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Jan 9, 2025
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-5]	R · MI		Jan 9, 2025

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Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Jan 9, 2025
Rep. Murphy, Gregory F. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Baumgartner, Michael [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jan 22, 2025
Rep. Franklin, Scott [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jan 22, 2025
Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jan 22, 2025
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Fedorchak, Julie [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Gillen, Laura [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Goldman, Craig [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Haridopolos, Mike [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Messmer, Mark [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Moore, Riley [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Begich, Nicholas [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Feb 5, 2025
Rep. Kiley, Kevin [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Feb 5, 2025
Rep. McGuire, John [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Feb 5, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2025
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2025
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 10, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 331	Related bill	Jul 16, 2025: Became Public Law No: 119-26.
119 HRES 93	Procedurally related	Feb 5, 2025: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act or the HALT Fentanyl Act

This bill permanently places fentanyl-related substances as a class into schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. A schedule I controlled substance is a drug, substance, or chemical that has a high potential for abuse; has no currently accepted medical value; and is subject to regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal penalties under the Controlled Substances Act.

Under the bill, offenses involving fentanyl-related substances are triggered by the same quantity thresholds and subject to the same penalties as offenses involving fentanyl analogues (e.g., offenses involving 100 grams or more trigger a 10-year mandatory minimum prison term).

Additionally, the bill establishes a new, alternative registration process for certain schedule I research.

The bill also makes several other changes to registration requirements for conducting research with controlled substances, including

- permitting a single registration for related research sites in certain circumstances,
- waiving the requirement for a new inspection in certain situations, and
- allowing a registered researcher to perform certain manufacturing activities with small quantities of a substance without obtaining a manufacturing registration.

Finally, the bill expresses the sense that Congress agrees with the interpretation of Controlled Substances Act in *United States v. McCray*, a 2018 case decided by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York. In that case, the court held that butyryl fentanyl, a controlled substance, can be considered an analogue of fentanyl even though, under the Controlled Substances Act, the term *controlled substance analogue* specifically excludes a controlled substance.

Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 4, 2025:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 93 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 27 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed. The resolution makes in order only the further amendment printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report.
- **Feb 4, 2025:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 93 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 27 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed. The resolution makes in order only the further amendment printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report.
- **Feb 4, 2025:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 93 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 27 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed. The resolution makes in order only the further amendment printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report.
- **Feb 4, 2025:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 93 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 27 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed. The resolution makes in order only the further amendment printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report.
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